

Fw: Talking points

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Draft Talking Points for BLM's internal Meeting: In preparation for April 19th ARSG

- There is a history of collaboration in the Animas Basin
 - Remediation efforts have been successful in Animas above town, and Mineral Creek. New mine drainage in Cement Creek overwhelms those successes (Peter Butler will say this, we don't have to)
 - Things are connected underground, complicating the "whose fault" issue, and the "how to fix it" issue (Kirstin's model)
 - Collaborative efforts continue to analyze and characterize the problem. EPA has recently shared their most recent data and ARSG is currently assessing the results.
 - Collaborative efforts are identifying possible solutions through various studies (ARSG Tech group, Sunnyside's contractor, BLM's contractors for technology evaluation and USGS transport study.
 - At some point additional funds may be needed to determine best solution
 - Once a solution is picked, it is likely additional funds will be needed. Both BLM and EPA will likely need to satisfy the CERCLA process to access those funds.
 - There may be a combination of solutions that may or may not involve a water treatment facility.
 - EPA has shown willingness to step away from their normal CERCLA cookbook, and try things more collaboratively. They should be commended.
 - Parties are working on ways to involve Sunnyside officially while limiting CERCLA lawyers involved in the definitive PRP resolution. This is an evolving process, and we don't know what it looks like.
 - Evaluating possibility of other site specific water quality standards: ARSG
 - These are the current ARSG steps that are currently in play with the lead responsibility listed.
- Characterization Report including EPA's most recent data: Sunnyside
Ecological Risk analysis needed for CERCLA: BLM and EPA
USGS Transport model to help us assess and select technologies: BLM
Technology testing: BLM and ?
Bulkhead at R&B feasibility: EPA
Working official Agreement on how to involve Sunnyside: BLM, EPA and Sunnyside.

-MSI conference on April 26th will include a short presentation and panel discussion from representatives from other towns in Colorado where mine remediation has been done using CERCLA Superfund, so you can ask more about their experiences.

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